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The Benner Family

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John Benner was born in Holland in the eighteenth century. Here he met the girl who was to accompany him to the new world as his wife. She came from a family named Bretz. They sailed to the land of promise taking over a month to cross the ocean.

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Upon reaching America they settled on a farm in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania near the Round Top mountain. They reared a family of eleven chilren one of which was named John B. Benner. The middle initial was given in honor of the mother's maiden name. There were two boys and nine girls who were named: Frederick, John, Christena, Susan, Molley, Barbry, Elizabeth, Mary, and Catherne. The other two girls' names are not known.

John B. Benner was born on February 15, 1819. He was an apprentice to his father as a cooper in the making of barrels.

On November 11, 1841, he was united to Catherine Tegkmeyer. Catherine Tegkmeyer was born on April 28, 1821. Anna, their first child, was born on February 17, 1843 in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania.

Shortly after the birth of Anna; John Benner packed all his belongings and with his wife and daughter set out for the fertile fields of the West. The travel was

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slow and hard in their ox drawn covered wagon. The route of travel carried them through the Allegheny mountains, across the state of Ohio. They camped on the Indiana, Ohio state line. They then pushed on to the present site of South Whitley, Indiana. Here Mr. Benner plied at his trade as cooper. He purchased his farm with money he made in the making of barrels. These barrels were made from boards hewn from the timder on his land.

The other children, Lewis, John, and Henry, were born and reared near South Whitley, Indiana.

On December 10, 1871 Catherine Tagmeyer left this life on earth to her reward in heaven. She was buried at Luther Indiana six miles south of South Whitley, Indiana

Soon after the death of his wife John Benner was again united in marraige to Eliza Wright Traster. To this marriage were born two children; William and Aden.

John B. Benner died on April 10, 1896, and was buried at South Whitley Indiana. Eliza Wright Traster, his second wife, died on August, 11, 1915. She was also buried at South Whitley, Indiana.

Anna Benner the first child of John B. Benner was born in Danplin Co. Penn. Feb. 17, 1843 she came to Ind. in infancy where she grew to womenhood on Nov. 24 1870 she was united in marriage to Enos G. Penn who was born in Perry Co. Ohio to this Union were born Mary J. Henry Jr. and John M. who died in infancy. On April 2nd 1875 Anna died and Enos died Oct. 2nd 1930

Lewis T. Benner the second child born Dec. 4, 1848 in Cleveland township. He was a carpenter by trade and grew to manhood on his father's farm. On Oct. 1, 1874 he married Mary E. Filbert who was born near Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio. To this union were born four children. They were named Elsie I., Ray V., Esta M., and Forrest F.

Lewis T. Benner died June 3, 1896. Esta M. daughter died June 2, 1917. Mary E. wife died Jan, 5, 1930.

John T. Benner, the third of John B. and Catherine Benner, was born October 17, 1851 in Cleveland township He was a carpenter by trade and grew to manhood on his father's farm. On May 1, 1881 he married Elizabeth Schonell who was born in Columbia City, Indiana on February 3, 1863. To this union were born seven children

They were named Eva B., Gertrude, Manardo, Leo, and Russel. The other two died in infancy and their names are unknown.

On June 8, 1895, Elizabeth Schonell died. On June 17, 1896 John T. Benner married Mary Ellen Long Miller who was born on April 5, 1869 in Dark county, Ohio. To this union were born two children, Ida and John M. John T. Benner died on January 28, 1916.

Henry Benner the fourth child of John B. Benner was born Oct. 28, 1853 in Whitley Co. Ind. he grew to manhood on his father's farm where he leaned the carpenter trade on Dec. 3 1882 he was united in marriage to Keziah Weybright.

One child was born to this Union who was named Ona. In the year 1901 he with his family moved to South Whiltey Ind. Where he died March 5 1920 and was burried at South Whitley Indiana.

William the first child of John B. and Eliza T. Benner was born Feb. 24, 1875 he grew to manhood in his fathers home and when of age his father died leaving him to support his widowed mother he and his mother bought a small place in South Whitley where they continued to live till his mother's death in 1915 from then on he has traveled and lived in South Whitley.

Aden Benner, son of John B. and Elizabeth T. Benner was born October 2, 1876 near South Whitley, Indiana He was united in marriage to Frances Walpole on May 1, 1896. Frances Walpole was born on December 25, 1883 near Paulding, Ohio. To this union were born seven children. Kenneth, born June 11, 1909; Armond H. April 15, 1911; Creighton Hale July 22, 1916; Sarah M. September 12, 1918; Lloyd September 22 1920; Hazil December 28, 1923. died at infancy; Elouise July 22, 1925.

Mary J. Penn 1st child of Anna Benner Penn was born in Washington Township Nov. 3nd 1871. Where she has resided all here lift John M. Penn was born March 21, 1875 and died Sept 2nd 1875. Henry J. Penn born Feb 4th 1873. Grew to manhood and married Mable Brower of Ft. Wayne Ind. Ang. 8, 1916. To this union one child was born, ~~Thelma~~ May. DIED FLORENCE JUNE 1

Elsie Benner 1st child of Lewis T. Benner was born in Sept. 1874. And married U. B. Moss to this union one son was born C. L. Moss her 2nd marriage was to J. A Vott.

Ray Benner 2nd child born March 29 1879 And married Hattie Moyer to this union one Girl was born Velda.

Esta Benner born March 8 1881. And married Issac Koble to this union on Girl was born Elsie who in time married W. Roy.

Frank the 4th child was born Jan. 29 1884. He being the youngest son the care of his widowed mother fell his lot whitch he did up till her death in 1930.

Eve B. First child of John T. and Elizabeth Benner was born July 5 1882 and married Geo Kayler to this union was born. Three children was born Helen who married Harrold Anderson. Grace who married Art Borden and George Junior.

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Gertrude was born Dec. 13 1884 and married Lennard Pritchard to this union one child was born Dewight C. Pritchard who married Esther Smith.

Monardo born Mar. 28 1887 and died in childhood Leo Benner was born June 28 1889 and married Marie O. Bayley whom be divorced and married Florence Adam.

Russell Benner born Dec. 5 1882 and married Mable Alexander to this union was born three children Charles, Edward, Marie and John William.

Ida R. Benner first child of John and Mary E. Benner was born Feb. 18, 1897 and married Glen Vergon to this union was born five children Glen Junior, Mavis, Dallas Deryles and Charles. She then was divorced from Glen Vergon and married Charles Smith.

John M. Benner was born Feb. 13 1899 and married Hazel Ramsey to this union was born two children Gertrude Ruth, and Joan.

Ona the only child of Henry and Keziah Benner was born Oct 29 1886 in Washington Township Whitley Co. Ind. on May 10 1906 she was united in marriage to Blen Knepple to this union three children were born Harrold, June who died at the age of two years and La Marr.

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